

**Testimony**  
**Senate Bill 2095 – Department of Human Services**  
**House Human Services Committee**  
**Representative Weisz, Chairman**  
**March 2, 2011**

Chairman Weisz, members of the House Human Services Committee, I am Carol Cartledge, Director of Public Assistance Division of the Department of Human Services. I am here today to provide you with information and support for Senate Bill 2095.

The Department is requesting an amendment to Section 50-09-38, transition assistance for child care, of the North Dakota Century Code. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) transition assistance for child care occurs when a family has earned income that causes ineligibility for regular TANF. Transition assistance pays for child care expenses, up to the monthly maximums allowed, for up to six months.

Currently, the family is reimbursed for child care expenses. With this amendment, child care providers would receive the payment not the family. This aligns with the Child Care Assistance program in which payments go to the provider and eliminates the possibility of providers not being paid.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions.